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TAGS: EPET, PTER, CO  
SUBJECT: MORE ON MOST RECENT PIPELINE ATTACK  
REF: BOGOTA 1985

1. DURING CHANCE MEETING WITH OCCIDENTAL COLOMBIA  
PRESIDENT EDGAR QUINONES, QUINONES TOLD ECONOFF THAT  
ENRIQUE AMOROCHO, ECOPETROL VP FOR PRODUCTION AND  
TRANSPORT, HAD BEEN MISINFORMED CONCERNING CONSEQUENCES  
OF MONDAY FEBRUARY 8 ATTACK ON THE CANON-LIMON-COVENAS  
PIPELINE. QUINONES SAID THAT IN THE AREA OF ATTACK THE  
PIPELINE WAS FULL OF CRUDE, THAT A MAJOR SPILL OF OIL  
INTO THE CATATUMBO RIVER TOOK PLACE, AND THAT OIL WAS  
FLOWING TOWARD VENEZUELA. HE SAID IT WOULD BE VERY  
DIFFICULT TO CLEAN UP THE SPILL AND THAT THERE WOULD BE  
ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE PIPELINE  
HAS NOT BEEN OPERATIONAL SINCE JANUARY 12 AND THAT THE  
FIELD REMAINS CLOSED. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM  
OCCIDENTAL HAS TO DATE BEEN FULLY RELIABLE.  
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